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Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
20-24 April 1992

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Conference Theme: New directions for the Economic Commission for Africa

1. Opening of the meeting.

2. One minute of silent prayer or meditation.

3. Election of officers.

4. Adoption of the agenda.

5. General debate on: Preliminary review of Africa's economic and social performance in 1991 and prospects for 1992, and transformation, recovery and adjustment:

   (a) Economic Report on Africa 1992;

   (b) Biennial report of the Executive Secretary;

   (c) New directions for the Economic Commission for Africa in the 1990s;

   (d) Implementation of regional development strategies: Update:

   Progress report on the implementation of regional development strategies (the Lagos Plan of Action, the African Alternative Framework to Structural Adjustment Programmes for Socio-economic Recovery and Development, and the African Charter for Popular Participation in Development and Transformation).

6. Consideration of the report and recommendations of the thirteenth meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the Whole on:

(a) Issues, studies and reports on regional cooperation for development in Africa:

(i) Criteria for the identification of inter-subregional projects;

(ii) Economic integration in North Africa within the context of the African Economic Community;

(iii) Agriculture and environment:

The effectiveness of subregional and regional development projects in the agriculture and rural sector with special emphasis on environment and sustainable development;

(iv) Population issues in Africa:

Analysis of the current strategy for the population programme in Africa and the implications of the recent developments, including funding policies, for its scope and prospects;

(v) Information for development:

a. Information needs in the light of the emerging African Economic Community and policy implications in the acquisition and utilization of information technology in Africa;

b. The overall strategy for the implementation of the Addis Ababa Plan of Action for Statistical Development in Africa in the 1990s as adopted by the ECA Conference of Ministers at its sixteenth meeting in May 1990;

(vi) Transport and communications in Africa:

Progress report on the implementation of the second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

(vii) Industrial development in Africa:

Programme for the United Nations second Industrial Development Decade for Africa;

(viii) Natural resources and environment in Africa:

Report of the African Regional Preparatory Conference on Environment and Development;

(ix) Trade and development finance in Africa:

Report on Africa's preparation and participation in UNCTAD VIII;

(b) Issues from subsidiary organs and sectoral bodies of the Commission calling for action by the Conference of Ministers;

(c) Statutory issues:

Follow-up action on relevant resolutions adopted by the twenty-sixth session of the Commission and decisions adopted by the General Assembly and ECOSOC that are of interest to Africa:

(i) Follow-up action on relevant resolutions adopted by the twenty-sixth session of the Commission/seventeenth meeting of the Conference of Ministers;

(ii) Resolutions adopted by ECOSOC at its second regular session of 1991 and by the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session in the economic and social sectors that are of interest to Africa;

(d) Programme of work and priorities of the Commission:

(i) Proposals for updating the 1992-1993 programme of work;

(ii) Progress report on ECA Regional Advisory Services;

(iii) Revision of the Medium-term Plan 1992-1997.

7. Extrabudgetary resources and operational activities in ECA:

A review of the critical situation of the extrabudgetary resources needed for operational activities in ECA.

8. Any other business.

9. Date and venue and other matters related to the twenty-eighth session of the Commission/nineteenth meeting of the Conference of Ministers.

10. Consideration and adoption of the report and resolutions of the meeting.

11. Closure of the meeting.